

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Divisional of: Carbonell et al.

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For: METHOD AND COMPOSITIONS FOR PROTECTING CIVIL
INFRASTRUCTURE

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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sirs:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment before examining the present application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1/14.

Please amend the claims as follows:

15. (Amended) A composition useful for protecting civil infrastructure, said composition [**comprising a mixture of**] consisting essentially of between about 80 and 99.9 percent carbon dioxide and between about 0.1 and 20 percent of a fluoropolyether, said fluoropolyether having at least one anchoring group covalently joined thereto.

23. (Amended) A method of protecting a civil infrastructure substrate, comprising:

providing a composition [**comprising**] consisting essentially of between about 80 and 99.9 percent carbon dioxide and between about 0.1 and 20 percent of a fluocarbon elastomer;

and

applying said mixture to said porous civil infrastructure substrate in an amount **[sufficient to form a protective coating thereon]** to penetrate the pores of the civil infrastructure substrate to become incorporated into the civil infrastructure substrate.